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Country of birth and main languages spoken

COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND POPULATION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (2016 CENSUS)	MAIN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME		
Afghanistan 5114	Dari Parsian Hazaraghi Pashto Iranic, nfd Arabic	Bermuda 103	None
Albania 195	Albanian Greek Italian	Bhutan 1305	Other Southern Asian Languages Nepali
Algeria 139	French Arabic Dutch	Bolivia 31	Spanish
Angola 83	Portuguese	Bosnia-Herzegovina 2670	Bosnian Serbian Croatian Serbo-Croatian/ Yugoslavian, so described
Argentina 768	Spanish Italian	Botswana 295	Tswana Shona Afrikaans Malayalam Swahili
Armenia 32	Russian Armenian	Brazil 3494	Portuguese Spanish Italian
Austria 1274	German Polish Hungarian Serbian Croatian	Brunei Darussalam 960	Mandarin Cantonese Malay Hakka Min Nan
Azerbaijan 67	Russian Azeri Turkish	Bulgaria 352	Bulgarian Turkish Macedonian Arabic
Bahrain 236	Arabic Punjabi Malayalam Hindi Sinhalese Urdu	Burkina Faso 9	French French Creole, nfd
Bangladesh 2583	Bengali Indo-Aryan, nec Burmese and related languages, nec Urdu	Burma 8707	Burmese Karen Burmese and related languages, nfd Burmese and related languages, nec Mandarin Chin Haka Mon
Belarus 95	Russian Belorussian	Burundi 354	Kirundi (Rundi) Swahili French Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)
Belgium 809	French Dutch German Afrikaans Italian	Cambodia 1256	Khmer Cantonese Vietnamese Mandarin Min Nan
Belize 12	Spanish	Cameroon 70	French African languages, nec
Benin 11	French	Cape Verde 11	Portuguese

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Central African Republic 13	French
Chad 5	French
Chile 1617	Spanish Italian
China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) 27,077	Mandarin Cantonese Chinese, nfd Min Nan Wu
Colombia 1,704	Spanish Italian Khmer
Congo, Democratic Republic of the 708	Swahili French African languages, nec Dutch Vietnamese
Congo, Republic of the 240	Swahili French Kirundi Kinyarwanda
Cook Islands 458	Maori (Cook Island) Maori (New Zealand)
Costa Rica 49	Spanish
Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) 71	French Dan (Gio-Dan) Krahn
Croatia 4557	Croatian Serbian Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described Italian Bosnian
Cuba 62	Spanish
Curacao 14	Dutch
Cyprus 465	Greek Turkish Armenian Serbian Cypriot, so described
Czech Republic 752	Czech German Serbian Polish Slovak
Denmark 1137	Czech English German Serbian Polish
Djibouti 18	Somali Arabic

	French
Dominican Republic 25	Spanish
Ecuador 105	Spanish
Egypt 2212	Arabic Italian Greek French Dinka
El Salvador 1177	Spanish Italian German Danish
Eritrea 591	Arabic Tigrinya Tigre Italian Amharic
Estonia 521	Estonian German Russian
Ethiopia 1615	Amharic Oromo Tigrinya Arabic Somali
Fiji 1327	Hindi Fijian Gujarati Fijian Hindustani Southern Asian Languages, nfd
Finland 563	Finnish Swedish
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 3061	Macedonian Albanian Greek Italian Romany
France 3820	French Italian Spanish Portuguese Arabic
French Polynesia 22	French
Gabon 4	French
Gambia 8	African languages, nfd Mandinka Bemba
Gaza Strip and West Bank 205	Arabic Assyrian Neo-Aramaic
Georgia 10	Russian
Germany 10,960	German Polish

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	Italian Ukrainian Croatian		German Italian Dutch
Ghana 797	Akan Ewe Ga African languages, nec Mandarin		Italy 19,204
Gibraltar 95	Spanish		Japanese 4296
Greece 2308	Greek Macedonian Italian German French		Korean Mandarin German Bengali
Guadeloupe 3	French		Jordan 445
Guatemala 37	Spanish		Arabic Assyrian Neo-Aramaic
Guinea 134	French Krio Fulfulde Mandinka African languages, nec		Kazakhstan 203
Honduras 20	Spanish		Russian Turkic, nec German French
Hungary 1196	Hungarian German Macedonian Italian French		Kenya 5427
Hong Kong (SAR of China) 6130	Cantonese Vietnamese Mandarin Hakka French		Gujarati Swahili Punjabi Dinka Somali
Iceland 124	Icelandic		Kiribati 29
India 49,384	Hindi Punjabi Gujarati Malayalam Tamil		Gilbertese
Indonesia 11,394	Indonesian Mandarin Dutch Min Nan Vietnamese		Kosovo 61
Iran 5814	Farsi Arabic Kurdish Dari Assyrian Neo-Aramaic		Albanian Bosnian
Iraq 3426	Arabic Kurdish Assyrian Neo-Aramaic Turkish Farsi		Korea, Democratic Republic of (North) 3
Israel 701	Hebrew Arabic		Korean
			Korea, Republic of (South) 6865
			Korean Japanese Mandarin German
			Kuwait 569
			Arabic Malayalam Urdu Hindi Tamil
			Kyrgyzstan 63
			Russian German Turkic, nec
			Laos 233
			Lao Vietnamese Mandarin Thai Cantonese
			Latvia 275
			Latvian Russian
			Lebanon 1099
			Arabic French Armenian Italian Tigrinya
			Lesotho 21
			Dutch African languages, nec Yoruba

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Liberia 577	Loma (Lorma) Dan (Gio-Dan) Krahn Krio Mandinka		Tigrinya
Libya 340	Arabic Italian Hindi	Mozambique 188	Portuguese
Liechtenstein 3	German Polish	Namibia 365	Afrikaans German Ndebele
Lithuania 206	Lithuanian Russian German Polish	Nepal 2621	Nepali Hindi Other Southern Asian languages Urdu
Luxembourg 41	Letzeburgish French	Netherlands 9130	Dutch German French Italian Afrikaans
Macau (SAR of China) 187	Cantonese Mandarin	New Caledonia 42	French
Madagascar 37	French	Nicaragua 44	Spanish
Malawi 286	Nyanja (Chichewa) Swahili African languages, nec Somali French	Nigeria 1346	Yoruba Igbo African languages, nec Italian African languages, nfd
Malaysia 29,124	Mandarin Cantonese Malay Min Nan Tamil	Niue 65	Niue
Maldives 154	Dhivehi	Norway 552	Norwegian Swedish Dutch French Spanish
Malta 899	Maltese Italian	Oman 211	Arabic Dutch Malayalam Urdu Farsi
Mauritania 12	Fulfulde French	Pakistan 5442	Urdu Pashto Dari Punjabi Balochi
Mauritius 4607	French Mauritian Creole French Creole Mandarin Hindi	Panama 38	Spanish
Mexico 358	Spanish	Papua New Guinea 2032	Tok Pisin Hiri Motu Yumplatok Cantonese Dutch
Moldova 54	Russian Hebrew Romanian	Paraguay 40	Spanish
Mongolia 129	Mongol Mandarin	Peru 683	Spanish
Montenegro 143	Serbian Croatian Serbo-Croatian/ Yugoslavian, so described Bosnian Macedonian	Philippines 30,853	Tagalog Filipino Bisaya Cebuano Min Nan
Morocco 162	French Arabic Hebrew African languages, nfd	Poland 5575	Polish German Ukrainian Russian

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Portugal 2512	Portuguese Italian Spanish German French	14,987	Malay Cantonese Tamil Min Nan
Puerto Rico 25	Spanish	Slovakia 380	Slovak Hungarian German Czech Polish
Qatar 227	Arabic Malayalam Urdu Tagalog Sinhalese	Slovenia 310	Slovene Serbian Croatian Bosnian Serbo-Croatian/ Yugoslavian, so described
Reunion 67	French	Solomon Islands 105	Solomon Islands Pijin Cantonese Tok Pisin Gilbertese
Romania 1792	Romanian Hungarian German Greek Italian	Somalia 1335	Somali Arabic Italian Gujarati
Russian Federation 1767	Russian Polish Italian Greek Latvian	South Sudan 1202	Dinka Arabic Bari Nuer Acholi
Rwanda 147	Kinyarwanda Kirundi Swahili French	Spain 1368	Spanish Italian French Catalan Dutch
Samoa 537	Samoan	Sri Lanka 7794	Sinhalese Tamil Southern Asian languages, nfd Dhivehi German
American Samoa 11	Samoan Niue Tongan	Sudan 2194	Arabic Dinka Acholi Tigrinya Bari
São Tomé and Príncipe 5	Portuguese	Suriname 27	Dutch
Saudi Arabia 1192	Arabic Malayalam Urdu Tagalog Bengali	Swaziland 95	African languages, nec
Senegal 63	Fulfulde French African languages, nec	Sweden 1023	Swedish Farsi Spanish Arabic Danish
Serbia 1656	Serbian Hungarian Bosnian Croatian Macedonian	Switzerland 1839	German French Swiss, so described Italian
Seychelles 746	Seychelles Creole French French Creole Sinhalese German		
Sierra Leone 502	Krio Fulfulde French Mandinka Themne		
Singapore	Mandarin		

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	Spanish
Syria 606	Arabic Armenian Kurdish Assyrian Neo-Aramaic
Tajikistan 12	Farsi Russian
Tanzania 871	Kirundi Swahili Gujarati Punjabi Konkani
Thailand 7806	Thai Karen Khmer Burmese Vietnamese
Timor-Leste 418	Portuguese Tetum Mandarin Timorese Hakka
Togo 59	French Ewe
Tokelau 24	Tuvaluan
Tonga 266	Tongan
Trinidad and Tobago 431	Spanish
Tunisia 57	French Italian Maltese Arabic
Turkey 1196	Turkish Kurdish Greek German Armenian
Turkmenistan 10	Russian
Tuvalu 9	Tuvaluan
Uganda 653	Acholi Madi Luganda Gujarati Swahili
Ukraine 731	Ukrainian Russian Polish Italian German
United Arab Emirates 1123	Arabic Malayalam Urdu Hindi Sinhalese
Uruguay 193	Spanish Italian

Uzbekistan 128	Russian Greek Uzbek
Vanuatu 54	French Bislama
Venezuela 639	Spanish Portuguese French Italian German
Vietnam 15,840	Vietnamese Cantonese Min Nan Mandarin Khmer
Yemen 104	Arabic Somali
Zambia 2403	Bemba Nyanja (Chichewa) Gujarati Afrikaans Shona
Zimbabwe 11,649	Shona Ndebele Afrikaans Gujarati Portuguese

- Languages are listed in order of highest number of speakers and are limited to the top five languages spoken where five languages or more are spoken. For selected countries, languages with nfd and nec (see third bullet point below) are excluded from top five where other languages are listed beneath.
- List excludes main English speaking countries. These are the United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, the United States and Ireland. The list also excludes countries in which English was the only language spoken at home as indicated in the 2016 Census.
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Languages spoken at home by people who speak English not well or not at all by age

Language spoken at home (2016 Census)	0–14 Years	15–24 Years	25–44 Years	45–64 Years	65+ Years	Total
Mandarin	2256	1104	4112	2977	1058	11507
Vietnamese	771	279	1721	2458	954	6183
Cantonese	412	275	790	1522	1059	4058
Italian	197	44	191	259	2484	3175
Arabic	845	114	772	514	164	2409
Korean	452	206	1129	393	80	2260
Punjabi	594	39	232	279	101	1245
Karen	247	107	400	243	69	1066
Persian (excluding Dari)	214	22	353	245	191	1025
Burmese	138	43	352	346	127	1006
Hazaraghi	186	107	500	196	18	1007
Spanish	251	42	192	166	294	945
Thai	180	110	356	225	40	911
Japanese	337	46	342	84	92	901
Indonesian	303	32	194	228	133	890
Portuguese	163	36	160	131	336	826
Dari	181	64	299	148	56	748
Serbian	100	3	62	307	284	756
Macedonian	75	4	37	136	430	682
Hindi	308	19	165	136	43	671
Gujarati	296	16	141	135	82	670
Tamil	288	16	212	95	41	652

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Malayalam	428	4	55	115	48	650
Croatian	24	3	20	146	427	620
Tagalog	215	31	132	124	32	534
Polish	71	7	17	137	282	514
Urdu	303	18	98	50	23	492
Malay	123	11	42	117	180	473
Greek	47	15	29	48	308	447
Khmer	43	8	142	178	69	440
Chinese, nfd	37	144	125	74	29	409
French	211	26	77	43	56	413
Filipino	186	10	77	67	29	369
Chin Haka	97	46	189	39	0	371
Somali	118	18	104	84	21	345
Russian	133	3	51	60	92	339
Turkish	91	26	104	67	22	310
Min Nan	10	0	28	80	173	291
Bosnian	36	4	10	161	78	289
Dinka	159	10	59	46	7	281
German	166	7	8	16	69	266
Bengali	131	17	72	27	20	267
Sinhalese	128	0	55	35	48	266
Auslan	53	18	51	88	24	234
Afrikaans	196	4	10	13	15	238
Nepali	83	9	67	51	10	220
Telugu	106	4	37	32	12	191
Burmese and related languages, nfd	56	19	67	29	4	175

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Romanian	41	9	19	46	53	168
Swahili	71	5	45	33	4	158
Tigrinya	16	16	45	61	12	150
Kirundi (Rundi)	32	8	70	35	3	148
Burmese and related languages, nec	40	4	53	22	3	122
Pashto	39	8	48	16	6	117
Hungarian	31	6	15	20	43	115
Dutch	54			15	42	111
Amharic	16	7	40	28	4	95
Oromo	35	18	32	8	0	93
Kurdish	31	0	33	23	0	87
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	7	0	0	31	49	87
Hakka	11			13	52	76
Marathi	46	0	9	14	5	74
Maori (New Zealand)	50	6	10	0	5	71
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	15	3	27	8	10	63
Albanian	22	0	12	10	18	62
Nuer	37	0	21	0	0	58
Samoan	18	3	5	18	3	47
Shona	36	0	10	5	0	51
Czech	17		8	4	18	47
Sign Languages, nfd	21	0	18	7	0	46
Lao	0	0	16	20	10	46
Bari	13	0	11	14	4	42
Ukrainian	6	0	13	12	8	39

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Other Southern Asian Languages, nfd	22	0	9	3		34
Swedish	31	0	0	3		34
African Languages, nec	7	3	14	4	4	32
Bulgarian	9	0	4	3	16	32
Finnish	12	0	0	3	15	30
Kannada	22	3	0	4	0	29
Bisaya	10	0	10	8	0	28
Cebuano	16	0	4	8	0	28
Mauritanian Creole	9	0	0	10	8	27
African Languages, nfd	8	0	10	3	5	26
French Creole, nfd	9	0	3	5	8	25
Akan	16	0	9	0	0	25
Estonian	13	0	11	0	0	24
Tongan	13	0	4	7	0	24
Mon	0	0	14	7	3	24
Balochi	16	3	0	3	0	22
Tok Pisin (NeoMelanesian)	9	0	13	0	0	22
Acholi	5	0	12	4	0	21
Tetum	5	0	10	6	0	21
Mongolian	11	0	8	0	0	19
Fulfulde	13	3	3	0	0	19
Irish	11	0	8	0	0	19
Madi	5	0	3	10	0	18
Slovak	9	0	3	6	0	18
Danish	13	0	4	0	0	17
Iranic, nfd	3	6	0	8	0	17

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Fijian	4	0	4	4	4	16
Kinyarwanda	0	0	9	5	0	14
Konkani	9	0	0	5	0	14
Key Word Sign Australia	13	0	0	0	0	13
Rohingya	3	3	7	0	0	13
Ewe	4	0	3	5	0	12
Wu	0	0	3	4	4	11
Uzbek	5	0	5	0	0	10
Total	16988	3551	15637	14151	10983	61318

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Aboriginal languages spoken at home in Western Australia by people who speak English not well or not at all by age

Language spoken at home (2016 Census)	0–14 Years	15–24 Years	25–44 Years	45–64 Years	65+ Years	Total
Ngaanyatjarra	105	37	44	28	13	227
Kriol	134	15	28	16	6	199
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	51	7	16	17	13	104
Pitjantjarjara	25	0	9	27	18	79
Martu Wangka	29	3	4	3	6	45
Gooniyandi	13	16	8	3	0	40
Walmajarri	9	0	3	3	8	23
Manyjilyjarra	14	0	4	0	4	22
Bardi	15	0	0	5	0	20
Pintupi	9	3	0	3	0	15
Nyangumarta	6	0	0	0	4	10
Total	444	96	130	137	96	903

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